

# JUST START THE DAY OFF

WITH A  
SMILE



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Poem by DAVID KOHN

## 1

My mother often told me;  
My child be firm but true,  
To kindle love into the heart,  
A smile always aids you.

## CHORUS

Just start the day off with a smile,  
Things will come round after while,  
All your fears and your tears  
Will only shorten your years,  
As the hands of time move on the dial,  
The Sun shines on you just the same,  
Whether unknown or honored with fame  
Each day that you live— forget and forgive  
Just start the day off with a smile.

## 2

A welcome always greets you,  
Wherever you may be,  
Sun shine will creep into your soul,  
While smiling pleasantly.

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Words by DAVID KOHN

Music by JOHN MAHER

*Arr. by Harold Dixon*

## Intro. *Modto*

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with an instrumental introduction in B-flat major, 4/4 time, marked 'Modto'. The piano part features a rhythmic melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The vocal part enters in the second measure with the lyrics 'My moth-er of - ten told me, My'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The lyrics continue: 'A wel-come al - ways greets you Where'. The piano part includes a forte (f) dynamic marking. The lyrics continue: 'child be firm but true, To kindle love in -', '- ev - er you may be, Sun - shine will creep in -'. The piano part continues with chords and moving lines. The lyrics continue: 'to the heart, A smile al - ways aids you.', 'to your soul, While smil-ing pleas - ant - ly.' The piano part concludes with a final chord.

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A wel-come al - ways greets you Where

child be firm but true, To kindle love in -  
- ev - er you may be, Sun - shine will creep in -

to the heart, A smile al - ways aids you.  
to your soul, While smil-ing pleas - ant - ly.

## CHORUS

*Modto*

Just start the day off with a smile, \_\_\_\_\_ Things will come

round aft - er while, \_\_\_\_\_ All your fears and your

tears Will on - ly short-en your years, \_\_\_\_\_ As the hand's of

time move on the dial, \_\_\_\_\_ The sun - shines

on you just the same, \_\_\_\_\_ Wheth - er un -

known or hon - or'd with fame \_\_\_\_\_ Each day that you

live \_\_\_\_\_ for - get and for - give Just start the

day off with a smile. \_\_\_\_\_ smile. \_\_\_\_\_

# Have this Beautiful Song

## A Fox Trot Ballad

### TRY THESE FEW STRAINS OVER HEARTS

**CHORUS -** *Andante with expression*

Hearts that are cast in ser - - - - - row Hearts

that are dancing with joy Hearts thrilled with an - - - - -

tion Hearts of our moth-ers for their boys Hearts

that will bear the bur - - - - - den Of true love 'till ser - - - - - de - - - - -

part There are hearts are al - - - - - ways aigh - - - - - ing

Hearts hearts hearts hearts

*Fin.*

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